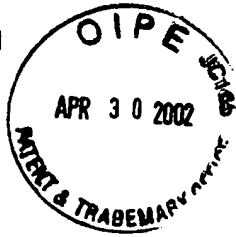


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Replace paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 14 with the following paragraph.

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Methods for signaling information in transmission systems do have certain disadvantages, like the use of an additional channel for signaling or the use of a large number of bits for signaling.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 2 with the following paragraph.

X2
The known methods for signaling information in a radio network do have certain disadvantages, like the use of an additional channel, e.g. the SACCH channel. It is another disadvantage, that if the traffic channel itself is used, at least half of the bits of each TCH frame are used for signaling and therefore are no longer available for the transmission of user data. It is a further disadvantage that signaling information being